



METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY – On January 8, 2015, a 63-year old sales manager with 11 years of experience was killed at a sand and gravel mine. He was installing new screen panels in the B tower screen. The feeder box pivoted, pinning him between the box and the rear support beam of the screen deck.



Best Practices

- Establish and discuss safe work procedures. Identify and control all hazards associated with the work to be performed along with the methods to properly protect persons.
- Always follow the equipment manufacturer's recommended maintenance procedures when conducting repairs to machinery.
- Task train all persons to recognize all potential hazardous conditions and understand safe job procedures to eliminate all hazards before beginning work.
- Securely block equipment and components against hazardous motion at all times while performing work.
- Ensure that blocking material is competent, substantial, and adequate to support the load.
- Require all persons to be positioned to prevent them from being exposed to any hazards. Do not work in pinch points where inadvertent movement could cause injury.
- Monitor all persons to ensure safe work procedures, including safe work positioning, are followed.

This is the 1st fatality reported in calendar year 2015 in metal and nonmetal mining. As of this date in 2014, there were 0 fatalities reported in metal and nonmetal mining. This is the 1st Falling Material fatality in 2015. There were 0 Falling Material fatalities in the same period in 2014.